



***WELCOME TO THE PACIFIC REGION  
CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS CENTER  
FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA***

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## **WE'RE A FRIENDLY BUNCH!!!**

Fort Richardson is located in a picturesque state with majestic snow-capped mountains, lakes, rivers, glaciers, and wildlife and is adjacent to the Chugach National Forest and Elmendorf Air Force Base. The post is situated within easy access to downtown Anchorage and the surrounding civilian communities of Eagle River, Wasilla, Palmer, and Girdwood. Fort Richardson and the city of Anchorage are approximately a three-hour flight from Seattle, WA. Contrary to popular belief, Anchorage weather is very mild, comparable to northern cities like New York, Chicago, and Minneapolis. The Anchorage area is a close knit community of mostly "transplanted" Lower 48 people. Alaska is the largest state in the Union, despite the opinion of some Texans. Newcomers who have not experienced a winter in Alaska are affectionately known as Cheechakos (Native for visitor or newcomer). Those brave souls who have lived through a winter are known as Sourdoughs.

### DID YOU KNOW ??????????

>Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, has a population of 285,000. That's over 40 percent of the entire state's population.

>Alaska is actually the northern-, western- and easternmost point in the

United States. It's true! The Aleutian Chain extends into the Eastern Hemisphere.

>Anchorage is as far north as Helsinki, Finland, and nearly as west as Honolulu, Hawaii. It sits at the base of the Chugach Mountains along the coast of Cook Inlet in Southcentral Alaska.

>Alaska's glaciers cover more than 29,000 square miles. Portage Glacier, just 45 miles south of downtown Anchorage, is one of Alaska's most visited attractions.

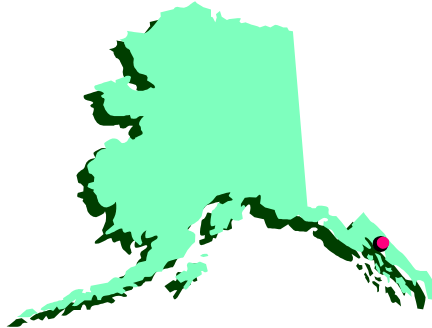
>20,320 foot Mount McKinley is the tallest mountain in North America and can be seen on clear days from Anchorage.

>The world's largest and busiest seaplane harbor is Lake Hood Air Harbor, near the Anchorage International Airport. Merrill Field, a general aviation airport near downtown Anchorage, is the 99<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the nation.

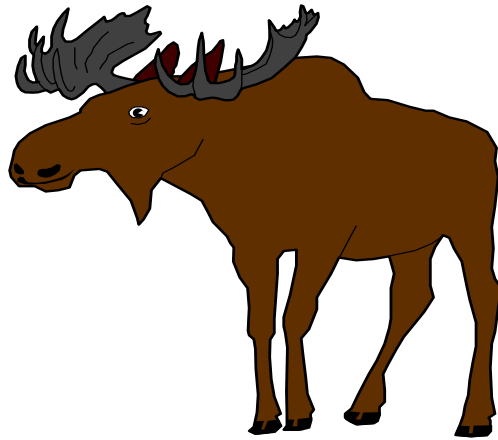
>Alaska has about six times as many pilots and 14 times as many aircraft per capita as the rest of the United States.

>The Upper Cook Inlet bordering Anchorage has the second greatest tide range in North America at 38.9 feet. On occasion, "bore tides" can be seen. These steep, foaming walls of water can reach up to six feet high and race down Turnagain Arm of the inlet at speeds of up to 10 knots.

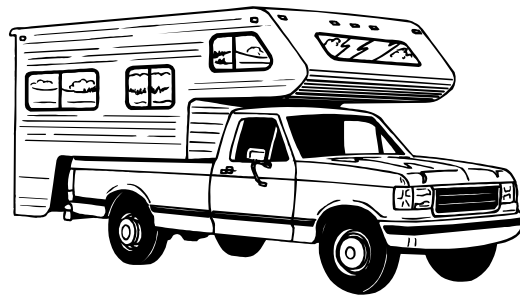
>The strongest earthquake ever recorded in North America shook Anchorage and all of Southcentral Alaska on March 27, 1964. It measured 9.2 on the Richter Scale.



Information courtesy of the Anchorage Visitors Guide



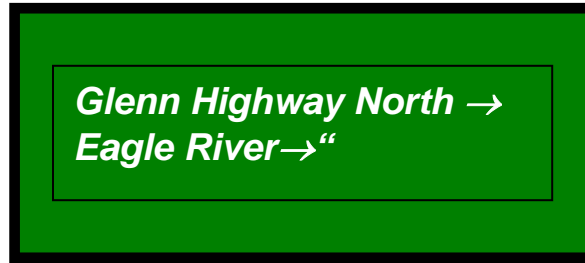
South Central Alaska has abundant wildlife and residents and visitors may occasionally have a close encounter with moose, bears, and wolves. In the spring (May) the animal kingdom of Alaska comes alive with newborns. Moose are the predominant creatures most often seen by residents and visitors.



#### TRAVELING FROM THE ANCHORAGE AIRPORT TO FORT RICHARDSON

1. Get off of the plane, if possible.
2. As you leave the terminal on **Airport Road**, travel east (toward the mountains) to **Minnesota Blvd** (big overpass). Travel across the overpass and exit to the right (clover-leaf exit) so that you will be going north (toward downtown buildings) on Minnesota.
3. Travel on **Minnesota Blvd** just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the 1st stoplight (**Tudor Blvd**).
4. Turn right onto **Tudor Blvd** and travel east (toward the mountains) through town for 5.6 miles. At that point, **Tudor Blvd** curves left and becomes **Muldoon Blvd**. Continue to travel north on **Muldoon Blvd** for 3.1 miles.

5. Turn right onto the **Glenn Highway**. You will see a big green highway sign on your right that says:



6. Travel the **Glenn Highway** for exactly 2.9 miles and exit right on the Fort Richardson exit. The exit sign will read:



*(If you miss this exit, you can turn around 3.9 miles down the road at the Eagle River exit).*

7. After exiting the **Glenn Highway** turn left onto the road leading across the bridge.
8. Travel approximately 1/4 mile and enter the Fort Richardson main gate.

#### GETTING FROM THE FORT RICHARDSON FRONT GATE TO THE Billeting Office

1. Drive through the front gate and stay on the main road (**D Street**) until you come to the 2nd stoplight (**5th Street**).
2. Turn left onto **5th Street**.
3. Turn right onto **B Street** and make an immediate left turn (which takes you into the parking lot of Building 600—the location of the Billeting Office)
4. The billeting office is located in the lobby area, (**Room 101, Building 600**). You can pick up your room key and directions to your assigned building. The Billeting Office is open 24 hours.

**TRAVELLING FROM THE FORT RICHARDSON FRONT GATE TO THE  
IGLOO/CPOC (Normal security conditions)**

1. Drive through the front gate and stay on the main road (**D Street**) until you come to the 2nd stoplight (**5th Street**).
2. Turn left onto **5th Street**. At the first stoplight (**Richardson Drive**), turn right onto **Richardson Drive**.
3. Travel approximately 100 yards past the Movie Theater and turn left onto **HQ Loop Road**
4. Travel approximately 100 yards and turn left onto **4th Street**.
5. On your immediate right is Building 53, ***The Igloo***, which is our VIP Billeting Facility.
6. If you continue driving on **4th Street**, the Pacific Region **Civilian Personnel Operations Center** is located 3 buildings on your right (Building 56) past ***The Igloo***. We have ample parking, but please be aware the curb parking immediately in front of the CPOC building (where the curved glass awning is located) is reserved for handicapped personnel only.

**TRAVELLING FROM THE FORT RICHARDSON FRONT GATE TO THE  
CPOC (During high security alerts)**

1. As you approach the front gate get into the right lane (signs will direct "Contractors" into the far right lane). Once you check in with security you will proceed to an additional security checkpoint (lane guides will direct you to this location). When you leave the security area you will turn right onto the main road (**D Street**). Keep on **D Street** until you come to the 2nd stoplight (**5th Street**).
2. Turn left onto **5th Street**. At the first stoplight (**Richardson Drive**), turn right onto **Richardson Drive**.
3. Travel approximately 100 yards past the Movie Theater and turn left onto **HQ Loop Road**.
4. Travel approximately 100 yards and turn left onto **4th Street**. As you continue driving on **4th Street**, the Pacific Region **Civilian Personnel Operations Center** is the 4th building on your right (Building 56). We have ample parking, but please

be aware that the curb parking immediately in front of the CPOC building (where the curved glass awning is located) is reserved for handicapped only.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

A rental car is highly recommended due to the lack of on-post dining facilities. The CPOC classrooms are within walking distance of the Igloo, but the other billeting locations are not. A taxi from the airport to Fort Richardson is approximately \$35 one way.

### **FORT RICHARDSON AUTO PASSES**

Visitors may be able to get temporary auto passes at the front gate. Usually everyone must drive to the MP station, building 656, behind the fire station and the Joint Regional Environmental Training Center off Richardson Drive.



The Alaska winters are long and cold. The chill in the air begins in September with the first snowfall in October. January is normally the cold month of the year, but temperatures seldom dip below zero. There is an average of 70.4 inches of



snowfall. Daylight hours vary from summer to winter with less than six hours of daylight on Winter Solstice. Winter sports consist of alpine and Nordic skiing, snow boarding, ice skating (indoor and outdoor), hockey, snow machining, dog sledding, skijoring, hunting, ice fishing, to name a few. Activities include the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous, ice and snow sculpture contests, craft fairs, folk festivals, Broadway plays and concerts held at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage, and viewing the spectacular aurora borealis (commonly known as the Northern Lights).



“Break-up” (spring) finally arrives in late March, early April. Flowers begin to bloom and trees begin to sprout leaves in late May. There is an average of 14.74 inches of rainfall each year. Summers in Alaska are worth waiting for! Salmon fishing is the number one past time in the summer months. Many “outsiders” come to Alaska just to fish. Gardening is an experience in itself with flowers all over the “bloomin place.” The Municipality’s Division of Parks and Recreation plants 311 flowerbeds with 54,000 plants at 52 sites. Anchorage is decked out with an estimated 100,000 hanging flower baskets. With more than 19 hours of sunlight on Summer Solstice, it is little wonder why the flowers and vegetables grow so big. Local gardeners boast about their record cabbages, ranging in excess of 60 pounds and zucchini approximately two feet long. The long daylight hours during the summer provide lots of time for outdoor activities. They include walking/jogging, biking, and rollerblading on the city’s more than 121 miles of paved trails, providing an awesome scenic way to see the area. More activities include river rafting, hiking, wildlife viewing, flightseeing, whale watching



and fjord cruises, scenic drives, gold panning, golf, kayaking, canoeing, boating, the Alaska State Fair, to name a few.

Temperature & Functional Daylight Hours in Anchorage

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg High/Low Temp	21/8	26/11	33/16	43/28	54/38	62/47	65/51	63/49	55/41	41/28	28/15	22/8
Functional Daylight Hrs	8:16	10:34	13:10	16:20	19:55	24:00	21:36	17:41	14:25	11:34	9:01	7:35



## LODGING

### Fort Richardson

Visitors will not have a problem finding accommodations in Alaska if they plan ahead. The summer months are considered the “high” season and lodging rates increase significantly in Anchorage.

Fort Richardson billeting is the best value if reservations are made in advance. Building 1107 rooms have been renovated (1998) into beautiful spacious “open” living areas with kitchenettes, living room area with sofa sleeper, TV/VCR, and large open sleeping area with a double bed. VIP quarters, named the IGLOO, are available for officers with the rank of LTC and above, and civilians GS-13 and above. If there are no other accommodations other than the Igloo, individuals may be placed in the Igloo without jeopardy of displacement by higher-ranking officials. For further information please call billeting at (907) 384-0421.

- > 3 day advanced reservations without orders (during the summer).
- > Check with the Billeting Office for current room charges.

### **Anchorage**

There are numerous hotels within the commuting area of Fort Richardson with the average cost of \$150-\$200 per night during the summer and \$50-\$100 per night during the winter.

Below are three hotels located in the central area of Anchorage:

#### **Hotel Captain Cook, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Approximately ten miles from the Fort Richardson front gate**

#### **Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Approximately seven miles from the Fort Richardson front gate**

#### **Clarion Suites, 335 W 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. (next to Nordstroms) phone 907-274-1000**

**Approximately ten miles from the Fort Richardson front gate**

**Rates are subject to change without notice.** We suggest either checking the Internet or calling the hotel of your interest with prevailing rate information.

General information about Alaska and the Anchorage area can be found at this web site: <http://www.adn.com/visitors/>

### **OTHERS**

Anchorage Corporate Suites  
Best Western Barratt Inn  
Best Western Golden Lion Hotel  
Comfort Inn Ship Creek  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Days Inn  
Econo Lodge  
Executive Suite Hotel  
Hilton Hotel  
Historic Anchorage Hotel  
Holiday Inn  
Inlet Tower  
Mariott Inn  
Ramada LTD Hotel of Anchorage  
Regal Alaskan Hotel  
Rodeway Inn  
Royal Suite Lodge  
Westmark Inn

There are also many Bed and Breakfasts within the commuting area of Fort Richardson with the average rates from \$90 per night during the summer and \$75 per night during the winter. There are generally no government rates.



## WHAT'S TO EAT?

### Fort Richardson

Fort Richardson no longer has a club system; Officers' Club or NCO Club. On post facilities include:

Fort Richardson Dining Facility—Building 640; \$3.25 for lunch & dinner

Robin Hood sandwiches – PX – prices range from \$5.00 and up

Tony's pizza – PX – prices range from \$3.00 (single slice) and up

Burger King – Next to the PX – Double Whopper with cheese is \$4.09  
(without fries and soda)

Elmendorf Exchange (just off Muldoon Exit)—variety of quick-food spots

Elmendorf Air Force Base Officers' Club, adjacent to Fort Richardson.

Prices range from \$6.50 and up for lunch.

### **Anchorage**

Anchorage has many fast food stores on Muldoon Road, approximately three miles from the Fort Richardson front gate, to include, but not limited to:

- McDonalds
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Wendy's
- Taco Bell
- Arby's
- Subway
- Dominos
- Northern China
- Pizza Hut (buffet)

### **Restaurants – Anchorage area – Dinner prices averages \$18-\$30 per person.**

- Humpy's
- Glacier Brewhouse
- Greek Corner
- Gwennie's Old Alaska Restaurant
- Harry's Restaurant
- La Mex
- Lone Star Steakhouse
- Outback Steakhouse
- Marx Brothers
- Railway Brewing Company
- Ramanos Italian Food
- Royal Fork Buffet
- Sea Galley/Pepper Mill/Gilligan's
- Simon and Seafort's
- Snow Goose
- Sorrento's Italian
- Sourdough Mining Company
- Stuart Anderson's Cattle Company

### **Eagle River – approximately seven miles from Fort Richardson**

#### **Fast food:**

- Burger King
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- McDonalds
- Subway
- Taco Bell
- Wendy's
- Philadelphia Bistro
- Pizza Hut

#### **Restaurants:**

- Adante's
- Chepo Mexican
- China Lights
- Eagle's Nest Cafe
- Garcia's Cantina
- North Slope
- Panda Express

## **THE PACIFIC REGION CPOC TRAINING CENTER**

The CPOC Training Center is conveniently co-located in the basement of the CPOC itself. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the facility houses 5 classrooms—3 to accommodate the traditional “platform” training; and 2 more to host computer-based training. The largest “platform” classroom will seat no more than 20 students.

The break area has a refrigerator, coffee center, coat racks, lockers, and comfortable lounge area.

## **REPRODUCTION/PRINT PLANT**

The Defense Automated Printing Service (DAPS) is a Department of Defense (DoD) agency under the Department Logistics Agency (DLA). It is their mission to support the printing and/or documentation automation services of the Defense agencies.

The Defense Automated Printing Service is located in building 984, Warehouse Dr. Office #1, Fort Richardson. Phone: (907) 384-2901; FAX: (907) 384-0547

The Fort Richardson DAPS provides printing up to 11 X 17 paper. It can accomplish automatic duplexing and on-line stitching up to 8 ½ X14. Various bindery functions are offered, such as 2-hole and 3-hole punch.

Upon request a cost estimate can be provided before the job is processed. The cost estimate can be done by phone or in person. All orders must be paid by an IMPAC credit card. Cost is approximately 3 cents per page.

Rushed orders are usually out within the same day (morning requests), otherwise the next day.